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TAGS: MOPS,PINS,EMIN,CG

SUBJECT: SHABAN DEVELOPMENTS: JUNE 14 1978

1.MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS: IT APPEARS THAT ALL FRENCH TROOPS  
WILL BE LEAVING KOLWEZI BEFORE PAN AFRICAN FORCE CAN RELIEVE  
THEM. FRENCH MILITARY TEAM IN LUBUMBAUHNOTIFIED LOCAL  
OFFICIALS ON JUNE 13 THAT ALL LEGIONNAIRES WOULD DEPART  
KOLWEZI BY ROAD TO LUBUMBASHI ON JUNE 14, FLYING TO CORSICA  
ON THE FOLLOWING DAY. DESPITE SUGGESTIONS THAT FRENCH AND  
BELGIAN MILITARY LEADERS, COL LOUBARIS HAS SAID HE IS  
NOT READY TO DEPLOY ANY OF THE PAN-AFRICAN TROOPS OUT  
OF LUBUMBASHI. HE STATED AGAIN ON JUNE 13 THAT HE WAS AWAITING  
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THE ARRIVAL OF ALL HIS EQUIPMENT BEFORE HE COULD  
BEGIN MOVING ANY OF THE MOROCCAN UNITS. BELIGIAN MILI  
TARY LEADERS SAID THEY HAD NO ORDERS AS YET TO LEAVE  
AND WOULD MAINTAIN THEIR TROOPS PRESENCE IN THE TOWNS  
BETWEEN FUNGARUME AND KIPUSHI FOR THE TIME BEING. NO  
FLNC HOSTILITIES ANE EXPECTED IN KOLWEZI DURING THE  
INTERIM PERIOD, BUT FAZ HARASSMENT OF GECAMINES OVER

WORKED ZAIRIAN CADRE AND WORKERS COULD FURTHER DAMAGE MORELAE THE THE MINING CENTER.

2. THE FIRST SENEGALES, CONTINENGENT (37 SOLDIERS THEIR TRUCKS AND JEEPS ABOARD A US AIR FORCE C-141 AND 146 SOLDIERS ABOARD A FRENCH DC-8 ARRIVED IN LUBUMBASHI ON JUNE 13 TO JOINT THE MOROCCANS, TOGOLESE, GABONESE AND IVORIANS AWAITING DEPLOYMENTS THROUGH SHABA. OTHER UY AIR FORCE SUPPORT FLIGHTS (2 C-5A'S, AND 4 C-141'S) TRANSPORTED JEEPS, AMMUNITION, AND SUPPLIESS FOR THE MOROCCAN CONTINGENT. COLONEL LOUDSRIS NOTED ON JUNE 13 THAT SOME OF AFRICAN PARTICIPATNS WERE APPARENTLY TOLD TO RUSH THEIR TROOPS TO ZAIRE AND NOT WORRY ABOUT LOGISTICAL SUPPORT, IMPLYING IT WOULD ALL BE TAKEN CARE OF LOCALLY. LOUBARIS SATED THESE TROOPS WOULD NEED TRUCKS AND JEEPS, BUT HE WAS UNSURE WHETHER ANY ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE TO SUPPLY THEM.

3. GECAMINES DEVELOPMENTS: TENSIONS ARE MOUNTING BETWEEN TOP ZAIRIAN AND EXPATRIATE MANAGERS AT GECAMINES OVER FUTURE EXPATRIATE ROLE IN KOLWEZI. ISSUE IS NOT NUMBER OF FOREIGNERS, BUT WHETHER FORMER EMPLOYEES WILL BE INVITED TO RETURN. SALARIES OF ALL EXPATRIATES FROM KOLWEZI WERE PAID THROUGH MAY 31, BUT PAYMENTS WERE THEN STOPPED. DELEGATE GENERAL UMBAS HAS PREPARED A LETTER WHICH TERMINATES EMPLOYMENT WITH GECAMINES OF CONFIDENTIAL

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ALL EXPATRIATES WHO WERE EVACUATED FROM KOLWEZI. EXPATRIATE OFFICIALS IN LUBUMBASHI OPPOSE SENDING THE LETTERS BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO REHIRE PEOPLE FOR KOLWEZI, THE LIKELY LAWSUITS, AND THE EFFECTS OF SUCH A LETTER ON THE MORALE OF EXPATRIATES IN OTHER SHABAN TOWNS. THE UNSENT LETTERS ARE SITTING AT THE SGM OFFICE IN BRUSSELS AWAITING FINAL DISPOSITION. UMBAS ARGUES THAT SELECTED FORMER KOLWEZI TECHNICIANS MIGHT BE REHIRED, BUT IS APPARENTLY UNDER ORDERS FROM PRESIDENT MOBUTU TO REDUCE THE BELGIAN PRESENCE AT KOLWEZI. DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO EUROPE HE EXPLORED HIRING FRENCH TECHNICIANS WITH THE FRENCH COOPERATION DEPARTMENT BUT REPORTEDLY DID NOT VISIT SGM HEAD QUARTERS, WHICH HAS HANDLED PAST EXPATRIATE RECRUITMENT. WHILE ZAIRIANS APPEAR TO BE SEEKING TO DIVIDE FRENCH FROM BELGIANS OVER FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF COMPANY, SENIOR OFFICIALS OF BOTH NATIONALITIES ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT THE PLAN WOULD NOT BE IN GECAMINES LONG-TERM INTEREST.

4. MEMORIAL MASS FOR DEAD OF KOLWEZI WAS HELD AT LUBUMBASHI CATHEDRAL ON JUNE 13. MOST OF LUBUMBASHIS

SENIOR ZAIRIAN AND FOREIGN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DIG  
NITARIES ATTENDED THE MASS, BUT ARCHBISHOP KABANGA WAS  
NOTABLY ABSENT. ACCORDING TO WELL-INFORMED SOURCES  
HE CHOSE NOT TO PARTICIPATE BECAUSE HE DISAPPROVED OF  
FOREIGN INTERVENTION AT KOLWEZI WHICH HE BELIEVED  
SEELED ONLY TO PROMOTE PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S HOLD ON  
POLITICAL POWER.

5. CURFEW HOURS IN ALL SOUTHERN SHABAN TOWNS WERE  
MODIFIED ON JUNE 13. THE NEW CURFEW HOURS ARE 8 PM  
TO 6 AM RATHER THAN 6 PM TO 6 AM. CURFEW HOURS IN  
NORTHER SHABAN TOWNS REMAIN 9 PM TO 6 AM.

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